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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1970

Dear Birch:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, expressing gratitude for the assistance and comfort provided to Dan Mitrione's family and friends. The funeral was a moving experience, and I was impressed by the outpouring of feeling for the Mitrione family by the entire community.

We are doing everything humanly possible to assist in the Uruguayans' efforts to obtain the safe release of the remaining hostages.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

William P. Rogers

The Honorable
Birch Bayh,
United States Senate.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 1, 1970

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S

FROM: ARA - Charles A. Meyer

SUBJECT: Letter for the Secretary's Signature: Reply to Senator Bayh's Letter concerning the Mitrione Murder and Funeral - ACTION MEMORANDUM

DISCUSSION:

In a letter of August 21 (Tab B), Senator Birch Bayh expressed his regret at having been unable to accompany you to the funeral of Dan A. Mitrione. He also expressed his appreciation for the fine support given by Department of State personnel during this tragic episode and added his hope that the remaining kidnap victims will soon be released.

The letter to Senator Bayh (Tab A) acknowledges his comments with appreciation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Senator Bayh (Tab A).

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Senator Bayh
Tab B - Letter from Senator Bayh

cc: C, U, J, & D.

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August 21, 1970

Honorable William Rogers
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I regret that I was unable to accompany you to the funeral of Dan Mitrione.

His kidnap and death had a very personal meaning to those of us who had known him during his years in Richmond.

I know that I speak for many when I state the appreciation for the many hours of service and comfort to the family and friends throughout those tragic days by State Department personnel. My personal appreciation goes to Ambassador Adair, Byron Engle and Jack Munroe of The Public Safety Office, and to Sam Dillon of the AID Liaison office. All were most helpful to me and to my office.

We all now join in the hope for the safe return of the two remaining hostages.

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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Birch Bayh

Birch Bayh
United States Senator

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